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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 70.4 degrees, 1.1 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, July 4. Precipitation averaged 0.39 inches, 0.75 inches below normal. Growing degree days were four points below normal.

Reporters rated 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, July 2 . This is the same amount of days last year and 0.5 days above the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 10 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2004	6.2	4.8	45.5
2003	6.2	5.9	46.0
1999-2003 Average	5.7	5.6	55.1

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	10	79	11
Last Week	0	2	60	38
Same Week Last Year	1	12	80	7
1999-2003 Average	9	23	61	8

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 4

Corn silked is approximately eight percent completed, nine days ahead of last year, and seven days ahead of the five-year average. **Winter wheat** is 85 percent ripe, about eight days ahead of last year, and about six days ahead of the five-year average. Approximately 34 percent of **Winter wheat** is harvested, eleven days ahead of the previous year and about four days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. **Oats** headed are approximately 95 percent complete, about two days ahead of the previous year and two days ahead of the

five-year average. Approximately five percent of **Oats** are ripe, compared to three percent last year and eight percent for the five-year average. Ninety-eight percent of the **soybean** acreage has emerged, two days ahead of last year and the same as the five-year average. **Soybeans** are 23 percent in the blooming stage. This is eight days ahead of last year and about three days ahead of the five-year average. Vegetable producers have virtually all of the **Strawberries** harvested, compared to 94 percent in 2003, and 97 percent for the five-year average. Ohio **Cucumber** growers have 71 percent of their crop planted, which is the same as the previous year. The first cutting of **Alfalfa Hay** is 98 percent complete, one day ahead of 2003. The second cutting of **Alfalfa Hay** is 15 percent complete, two days ahead of last year, but seven days behind the five-year average. The first cutting of **Other Hay** is 88 percent complete, about two days ahead of last year, but three days behind the 1999-2003 average. The second cutting of **Other Hay** is at six percent complete, about two days behind last year, and eight days behind the average. **Apples** are presently at 19 percent harvested. **Peaches** are slightly lower at 12 percent harvested.

Farmers have been harvesting wheat, spraying soybeans, and baling hay this past week. Soybean growers are planting double crop soybeans in a few southern counties, such as Montgomery and Scioto. Due to the week of good weather, chopping oats and harvesting barley was active in Harrison county. Wheat harvesting in Wyandot and Knox county was just starting to begin, while Fairfield county was nearing the end of harvest. An abundance of strawberries and raspberries were harvested this past week in Wayne county. Huron county reported apples in fair condition and Monroe and Fulton counties had apples near ripe. The main farming activities in Meigs county consisted of picking sweet corn, cucumbers, peppers, and tomatoes. Buck-eye rot and Rhizoctonia, types of fungi or soil rots, were spotted on a few Meigs county tomatoes. Pasture and grass conditions in a few counties, especially Wayne county, are becoming dried out from the week's lack of rainfall.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Pasture condition was rated at 66 percent good to excellent compared to 70 percent the previous week. Winter wheat was rated at 53 percent good to excellent condition compared to 58 percent the previous week. Livestock conditions are generally good, except for fly problems beginning in Geauga county.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 4

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 1 st cutting	98	95	97	75	NA
Alfalfa Hay 2 nd cutting	15	12	27	8	NA
Apples harvested (summer)	19	3	2	NA	NA
Corn Silked (Tassled)	8	0	1	NA	9
Cucumbers	71	71	90	58	NA
Peaches harvested	12	1	1	NA	NA
Oats headed	95	93	93	77	53
Oats ripe	5	3	8	3	NA
Other Hay 1 st cutting	88	86	92	60	NA
Other Hay 2 nd cutting	6	7	13	3	NA
Soybeans emerged	98	96	98	86	95
Soybeans blooming	23	7	16	NA	7
Strawberries harvested	100	94	97	98	NA
Winter wheat ripe	85	19	58	24	NA
Winter wheat harvested	34	4	16	NA	51

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 4

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	10	24	46	17
Previous Week	3	9	23	45	20
Previous Year	3	10	30	41	16
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	15	29	41	10
Previous Week	7	17	29	39	8
Previous Year	3	7	31	46	13
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	13	26	49	9
Previous Week	11	12	24	45	8
Previous Year	1	5	20	62	12
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	6	27	52	14
Previous Week	1	5	24	53	17
Previous Year	1	5	24	57	13
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	11	31	43	10
Previous Week	5	9	32	42	12
Previous Year	3	10	31	46	10
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	16	64	18
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	0	2	19	63	16
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	9	35	42	11
Previous Week	2	9	31	46	12
Previous Year	1	3	17	53	26

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 4

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	70.1	-1.5	0.73	-0.26	13.06	1.73	143	-6	1273	76
North Central	69.9	-1.3	0.35	-0.70	14.65	3.00	142	-4	1253	92
Northeast	68.6	-0.8	0.37	-0.65	16.15	4.49	133	-2	1160	66
West Central	70.8	-1.4	0.42	-0.91	14.21	1.51	148	-5	1386	125
Central	70.8	-1.2	0.19	-1.02	15.81	3.27	147	-5	1406	125
Central Hills	69.5	-0.9	0.27	-0.91	17.16	4.74	137	-5	1261	89
Northeast Hills	68.9	-1.5	0.27	-0.85	17.50	5.33	134	-7	1258	66
Southwest	72.3	-0.9	0.37	-0.84	13.60	-0.03	157	-2	1501	157
South Central	71.9	-0.9	0.49	-0.68	15.51	3.33	154	-2	1532	154
Southeast	70.3	-1.0	0.33	-0.78	15.16	2.93	143	-5	1415	133
STATE	70.4	-1.1	0.39	-0.75	15.14	2.87	144	-4	1355	111

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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